

EDC COVID-19 Potential Response Scenarios in a School Setting*

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Scenario

A student or staff member either exhibits COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., cough, temp of 100.4°F (38°C) or above) or answers yes to a health screening question.

Action

- Student or staff member: stay/send home to isolate
- Consult with School Nurse
- Consult with EDC Public Health as needed
- Contact healthcare provider for testing, if indicated
- If COVID-19 test is positive or if test not done, isolation continues until released by EDC Public Health (minimum of 10 days).
- negative, see Scenario 4

If COVID-19 test is

Cohort OPEN

Communication

No action is needed

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Scenario

A family member or someone in <u>close contact</u> with a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19

Action

- Student or Staff: report information to administration
- Consult with School Nurse
- Consult with EDC Public Health for verification of positive test result before taking further action
- If determined not to be a true case, no letter needs to be sent
- If confirmed, EDC Public
 Health will direct to send
 home to start quarantine,
 which will begin 14 days
 from last contact with
 positve individual. Will
 determine whether further
 action is needed.
- Cohort OPEN

Communication

No action is needed



Scenario

A student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19

Action

- Student or Staff: report information to administration
- Consult with School Nurse
- Families of Students & Staff: Send home to isolate.
 Consult EDC Public Health for guidance on whether any students, staff or teachers need to quarantine, be tested, or whether the cohort needs to be closed
- Close off/clean areas used by individual suspected of infection. (See Addressing the Challenges of COVID-19, page 23)

Communication

To: Student Families and Staff**

- Phone call and
- Template Letter:

Scenario Three - In a School or Cohort Setting



Scenario

A student or staff member tests negative for COVID-19 after symptoms

Action

- to school after symptoms improve and fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medications as long as not a close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual. (Consult EDC Public Health for guidance on whether any students, staff or teachers may end their quarantines)
- Consult with School Nurse
- Cohort OPEN

Communication

No action is needed

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Scenario

A student or staff member tests negative for COVID-19 during quarantine (asymptomatic).

Action

- Negative test does not shorten quarantine
- · Consult with School Nurse

Communication

No action is needed

^{*}Please see <u>COVID-19</u> and <u>Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools</u> for specific details. **Maintain confidentiality as required under FERPA and state law related to privacy of educational records. Additional guidance can be found <u>here</u>.